

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2005
Regular Agenda

SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2006 Timber Sales Plan

DISCUSSION

The proposed FY-2006 Timber Sales Plan, Road Development Plan, and letters of transmittal are attached (Attachments 1, 2, & 3). The road construction and reconstruction outlined on the road development plan are necessary to develop or improve access for timber harvest and other management activities. Approval of this Plan does not constitute approval of the individual sales listed on the Plan. Each sale will be presented to the Board for approval prior to advertisement and sale.

This proposal incorporates the planned harvest increase recommendations that are based on the desire to reduce the excess standing volume and the most recent measurements of continuous forest inventory plots and analyses using the Department's Integrated Management System. The planned recommendations reflect current stand conditions, anticipated growth and timber harvest constraints. Due to insect outbreaks, the recommended harvest levels increased for the Craig Mountain and Eastern Idaho Areas and the Maggie Creek Area was reduced to keep the overall harvest recommendation at 202 MMBF. It is possible Eastern Idaho and Craig Mountain will offer more volume than currently recommended due to the ongoing insect outbreak and the need to salvage the dead timber. Based on these analyses, we recommend that the annual harvest level for these areas be established as follows:

<u>Annual Harvest Level</u>			
<u>Supervisory Area</u>	<u>Previous Level</u>	<u>FY 2006 Planned</u>	<u>FY-2006 Recommended</u>
Priest Lake	16 MMBF	16 MMBF	16 MMBF
Kootenai Valley	6 MMBF	6 MMBF	6 MMBF
Pend Oreille	10 MMBF	12 MMBF	12 MMBF
Mica	4 MMBF	5 MMBF	5 MMBF
Cataldo	9 MMBF	9 MMBF	9 MMBF
St. Joe	38 MMBF	41 MMBF	41 MMBF
Ponderosa	20 MMBF	24 MMBF	24 MMBF
Clearwater	28 MMBF	31 MMBF	31 MMBF
Maggie Creek	14 MMBF	15 MMBF	10 MMBF
Craig Mountain	3 MMBF	5 MMBF	7 MMBF
Payette Lakes	21 MMBF	23 MMBF	23 MMBF
Southwest	10 MMBF	11 MMBF	11 MMBF
Eastern	<u>3 MMBF</u>	<u>4 MMBF</u>	<u>7 MMBF</u>
TOTAL	182 MMBF	202 MMBF	202 MMBF

The following volumes are proposed for FY-2006:

Sawlogs	-	197,920 MBF
Cedar Poles	-	20,400 Pieces
Pulp	-	3,000 MBF
Cedar Products	-	2,280 MBF

Total volume (sawlogs and cedar poles) equals 202,000 MBF. Additional pulp and cedar product volumes may be available for removal at the option of the sale purchaser or in accordance with Land Board policy.

The entire draft FY-2006 Timber Sales Plan was advertised in January, 2005 under the Board's public involvement policy. There were 21 requests for copies of the plan and three written comments were received. Two written comments were received after the initial public involvement advertisement in May 2004. The comments and our responses are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the department to proceed with publication of the FY-2006 Timber Sales Plan.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Secretary of State Ysursa to accept the Department's recommendation with the Board being fully cognizant of the fact that these sales do come back before the Board for final approval. Attorney General Wasden seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0, with Superintendent Howard joining the meeting at the beginning of this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed FY-2006 Timber Sales Plan
2. FY-2006 Road Development Plan
3. Transmittal Letters
4. Annual Harvest Level Graph
5. Sales Plan comments and responses



DRAFT PROPOSED TIMBER SALES PLAN

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

PRIEST LAKE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Phoebe Trap	Pts. SWNW, Pts. SW	27	64N/4W	250	1,200 M
		Pts. NWSE	27	64N/4W		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. SESW	28	64N/4W		
		Pts. SE	28	64N/4W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. N2NW	33	64N/4W		
		Pts. SENW	33	64N/4W		
		Pts. N2NW, Pts. SWNW	34	64N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 26 air miles north of Coolin, Idaho in the Trapper Creek drainage. The sale will be harvested using a combination of shelterwood, group shelterwood and either large group selections or small clearcuts less than 5 acres in size. Both ground based skidding and cable yarding will be required for this sale. Approximately 1.2 miles of secondary road and 1.2 miles of spur road will be reconstructed or improved and 0.6 miles of spur road will be constructed. All the new and reconstructed spur roads will be closed by gating or barricading upon the completion of sale activities. Two un-named Class I streams are within the sale area and Class II streams are adjacent and present within the sale area.

2	Trapper Point OSR	Pts.	4	63N/4W	240	500 M
		Pts. N2NW	9	63N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 21 air miles north of Coolin, Idaho in the East Fork Trapper Creek drainage. This sale is an overstory removal and a combination of ground based skidding and cable yarding will be required. Approximately 3.2 miles of spur road will be reconstructed or improved. These roads will be gated or barricaded following the harvest activity. A Class I stream is adjacent to the sale area and Class II streams are adjacent to and present within the sale area.

3	Goose Chopper	Pts. E2	35	62N/4W	350	2,500 M
		Pts. NW, Pts. W2SW	36	62N/4W		
		Pts. S2SW	25	62N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1&2	3	61N/4W		
		Pts. SENE, Pts. N2SE	3	61N/4W		
		Pts. NWNW	2	61N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 14 air miles north of Coolin, Idaho in the Goose Creek and Two Mouth Creek drainages. A portion of this sale was originally advertised as the Bear Pit sale. The harvesting prescription will include shelterwood, seedtree and group selection methods. A combination of harvest systems will be required for this sale including ground based skidding, cable yarding and helicopter. The cable yarding will require multi-span capabilities. Road development will require approximately 0.8 miles of new spur construction and 1.7 miles of spur reconstruction. All of the roads that are constructed or reconstructed will be closed through gating or barricading upon completion of the sale activity. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

4	Indian Camp	Pts. S2SW, Pts. SWSE	13	61N/4W	400	3,000 M
		Pts. SESE	14	61N/4W		
		Pts.	23	61N/4W		
		Pts. W2NW, Pts. NWSW	24	61N/4W		
		Pts. N2	26	61N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 11 air miles northeast of Coolin, Idaho in the Indian Creek drainage. This sale will implement a shelterwood harvest prescription. Harvest methods will require the use of ground based skidding and cable yarding with multi-span capabilities. There will be approximately 1.5 miles of new spur road construction and 2.0 miles of spur reconstruction. These same roads will be closed by gating or barricading following the completion of the sale activities. Indian Creek, a Class I stream flows along the northern boundary and several Class II streams are present within the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
5	Roothaan	Pts. Govt. Lots 3&4	4	60N/3W	250	2,200 M
		Pts. Govt. Lots 2	5	60N/3W		
		Pts. E2, Pts. SESW	32	61N/3W		
		Pts. W2	33	61N/3W		
This sale is located approximately 9 air miles northeast of Coolin, Idaho in the Hunt Creek drainage. A combination of shelterwood, commercial thin and group selection harvest prescriptions will be applied to this stand. Ground based skidding and cable yarding with multi-span capabilities will be required with this sale. Approximately 2.7 miles of spur road will be constructed and 0.7 miles of secondary road will be reconstructed. These roads will be closed by gating or barricading upon completion of sale related activities. Class I and Class II streams are adjacent or within the sale area.						
6	Fat Cat	Pts. S2SE	11	60N/4W	300	500 M
		Pts. S2SW	12	60N/4W		
		Pts. NW, Pts. NWSW	13	60N/4W		
		Pts. E2, Pts. E2NW	14	60N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1&2	14	60N/4W		
		Pts. E2SW	14	60N/4W		
This sale is located approximately 6 air miles northeast from Coolin, Idaho just south of Hunt Creek. This sale will implement an overstory removal. The sale area will require harvesting with ground based skidding. Approximately 1.0 mile of spur road will be reconstructed or improved. Spur roads within the sale area will be gated and barricaded following harvest activities. There are Class II streams present within the sale area.						
7	Cavanaugh Pole	Pts. SWSE,	25	60N/4W	80	200 M
		Pts. SENW, Pts. NESW,	25	60N/4W		1,000 Cedar Pole
		Pts. N2SE	25	60N/4W		
This cedar pole sale is located approximately 4 air miles northeast of Coolin, Idaho within the Fenton Creek and Soldier Creek drainages. A single tree selection for extracting cedar poles will be applied. Harvest will require ground based skidding and cable yarding with multi-span capabilities. Approximately 0.3 miles of new spur road will be constructed. This road will be closed upon completion of the sale activity. A portion of the sale area is adjacent to Fenton Creek and another Class II stream.						
8	Chase Kabob	Pts. SWSE	15	59N/4W	290	2,000 M
		Pts. Govt. Lot 5	15	59N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 1	22	59N/4W		
		Pts. SE	22	59N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 2 air miles south of Coolin, Idaho near Chase Lake. This unit will include a combination of shelterwood and seedtree harvest prescriptions. Ground based skidding and cable yarding with multi-span capabilities will be required. Approximately 1.0 mile of new spur road construction and 0.5 mile of spur reconstruction are planned with this sale. Chase Lake is adjacent to the sale and other Class I and II streams are within or nearby the sale area.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
9	Midbugs Over	Pts. SENW, Pts. SW	5	58N/3W	700	1,000 M
		Pts. NWSE	5	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 4&7	6	58N/3W		
		Pts. SESW, Pts. SE	6	58N/3W		
		Pts. NE, Pts. NENW	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1&2	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. SENW	7	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 2	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lot 3, S2NE	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. W2SE	1	58N/4W		
		Pts. E2NE	12	58N/4W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 2,3&4	31	59N/3W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. NESW	31	59N/3W		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. W2SE	1	58N/4W		

This sale is located approximately 6.5 air miles southeast of Coolin, Idaho in the Waters Creek and Middle Fork East River drainages. A portion of this sale was originally advertised as the Northover sale. Harvesting prescription will consist of an overstory removal. The harvest methods will include ground base and line machines with multispan capabilities. Developments will consist of approximately 8 miles of opening and approximately 4 miles of improvements to secondary and spur roads. Several unnamed roads will be gated or barricaded following sale activity. Class II streams are present within the sale.

10	Keokee Up	Pts. Govt. Lots 2, 3&4	1	58N/3W	520	2,000 M
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. S2NW	1	58N/3W		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2&3	2	58N/3W		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. S2NW	2	58N/3W		
		Pts. NWSE	2	58N/3W		
		Pts. SENE, Pts. N2SE	35	59N/3W		
		Pts. SESE	35	59N/3W		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. SW	36	59N/3W		
		Pts. SWSE	36	59N/3W		

This sale is located approximately 9.5 air miles southeast of Coolin, Idaho within the Keokee Creek drainage. This will be a combination of shelterwood, seedtree, commercial thin and large group selects or a series of small to medium clearcuts ranging in size from 2 to 20 acres. Harvest systems will require cable yarding with multi-span capabilities and helicopter. Developments will require the new construction of 2.5 miles of spur road, opening 8.0 miles of main road and reconstruction or improvement of 11.5 miles of secondary and spur road.

11	Tar Pole	Pts. S2NW, Pts. SW	16	58N/3W	80	200 M
		Pts. N2NW	21	58N/3W		1,000 Cedar Poles

This sale is located approximately 11.5 air miles southeast of Coolin, Idaho adjacent to the Tarlac Creek drainage. The harvesting prescription will be a single tree selection for cedar poles. The harvest method will require cable yarding with multi-span capabilities. Developments will include 0.5 mile of new spur road construction, the reconstruction or improvement of 7.0 miles of secondary roads and the opening of 2.0 miles of main road. Class I and II streams are adjacent or within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	300 M
TOTALS:	3,660	15,600 M
		2,000 Cedar Poles

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KOOTENAI VALLEY SUPERVISORY AREA

1	Dodge Peak	Pts. NE	18	60N/1W	200	1,250 M
		Pts. E2NW	18	60N/1W		
		Pts. Gov't lots 1 & 2	18	60N/1W		
		Pts. NESW	18	60N/1W		
		Pts. SE	18	60N/1W		

This sale is located approximately 4 air miles northwest of McArthur Lake, near Elmira in Dodge Creek drainage. Seed tree and shelterwood harvest prescriptions are planned. Group selection may result in small openings up to 3 acres. Both skyline yarding and tractor skidding may be required. Approximately 3.0 miles of existing secondary road will have the running surface improved by the addition of crushed rock surfacing (minor reconstruction otherwise required). Several Class II streams are located within the sale area. Class I and II streams are adjacent.

2	Dune	Pts. NENE	11	60N/1W	237	1,800 M
		Pts. S2NE	11	60N/1W		
		Pts. E2W2SE	11	60N/1W		
		Pts. E2SE	11	60N/1W		

This sale is located in the Purcell trench approximately 1.5 air miles west of Naples in the lower Fall Creek drainage. Shelterwood, seed tree, and commercial thin harvest prescriptions are planned. Group selection methods may result in small openings up to 3 acres. Tractor skidding will be required. Approximately 1.5 miles of existing spur road will be opened and 0.5 miles constructed. There are no streams located within or in the immediate vicinity of the sale.

3	Two Mile	Pts. NE	19	60N/1E	230	2,700 M
		Pts. N2SE	19	60N/1E		
		Pts. SW	20	60N/1E		
		Pts. W2NWSE	20	60N/1E		
		Pts. SWSE	20	60N/1E		
		Pts. NW	20	60N/1E		

This sale is located approximately 2.5 air miles southeast of Naples in both Trail Creek and Deep Creek drainages. The planned harvest prescription is shelterwood. Both tractor skidding and skyline yarding will be required. Approximately 0.7 miles of spur road will be constructed. Approximately 3.0 miles of surfaced road will require light reconstruction that includes dust abatement, and periodic grading, watering and rolling. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	100	250 M
TOTALS:	767	6,000 M

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PEND OREILLE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Coleman	Pts. S2N2	26	54N/5W	160	1,800 M
This sale is located approximately 3 air miles southeast of Blanchard, Idaho in the Spirit Creek drainage. A seedtree silvicultural prescription will be applied to the majority of this stand. The entire sale will be tractor skidded. Approximately 1.0 mile of spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present.						
2	Hoodoo Tower	Pts. SWSW	1	54N/5W	491	2,000 M
		Pts. SWNE; Pts. SENW;	2	54N/5W		
		Pts. S2	2	54N/5W		
		Pts. NE	11	54N/5W		
		Pts. Lot 1, NWNE, NENW	12	54N/5W		
		Pts. SWNW, Pts. NWSW	12	54N/5W		
This sale is located approximately 4 air miles northeast of Blanchard, Idaho in the Spirit Creek drainage. This sale will selectively harvest damaged, diseased and over-crowded trees. Both line skidding and tractor skidding are required. Approximately 3.0 miles of spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present.						
3	POL Poles 2006	Pts. W2SW, SESW	35	56N/5W	700	400 M
		Pts.	1	55N/5W		2,000 Cedar Poles
			2	55N/5W		
			11	55N/5W		
			12	55N/5W		
			14	55N/5W		
			15	55N/5W		
This sale is located approximately 3 air miles south of Priest River, Idaho in the Pend Oreille River drainage. The sale will selectively harvest western red cedar poles and sawlogs. Both line skidding and tractor skidding are required. No new road construction is needed. Class I and Class II streams are present in the proposed sale area.						
4	Rock Springs II	Pts. E2SW	35	54N/3W	170	1,500 M
		Pts. SE	35	54N/3W		
The sale is located approximately 21 air miles south of Sandpoint, Idaho. A combination of the shelterwood, seed tree and modified overstory removal harvest prescriptions will be applied on this sale. Approximately 1.2 miles of spur road will be improved. The entire sale area is suitable for tractor skidding. No Class I or Class II streams are present.						
5	Lightning Peak	Pts. S2NW; Pts. NWSW	4	58N/1E	40	900 M
The sale is located approximately 14 air miles northeast of Sandpoint, Idaho in the Rapid Lightning Creek watershed. Two clearcuts ranging in size from 14 to 22 acres will be used to harvest this mature stand of timber. The entire sale area is suitable for tractor skidding. Approximately 0.8 miles of new spur road will be constructed and 0.1 miles of spur road will be reconstructed to access this sale and future sales. Class I and II streams are present.						
6	Prater Blue II	Pts. Lot 4	7	57N/3W	328	4,500 M
		Pts. S2SE	11	57N/4W		
		Pts. S2S2	12	57N/4W		
		Pts. NE; Pts. N2NW	13	57N/4W		
		Pts. NE; Pts. S2NW	14	57N/4W		
		Pts. NWSW	14	57N/4W		
		Pts. S2NE; Pts. N2SE	15	57N/4W		

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The sale is located approximately 9 air miles west of Sandpoint, Idaho, within the Blue Creek Drainage. A combination of seed tree, group selection, overstory removal, and commercial thinning harvest prescriptions will be applied to the sale. Approximately 0.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, 3.4 miles of spur road improved, and 6.4 miles of secondary road will be reconstructed and improved. The entire sale is suitable for tractor skidding. Class I and Class II streams are present.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	500 M
TOTALS:	2,089	11,600 M
		2,000 Cedar Pole

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MICA SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Last Supper	Pts. SW	17	53N/5W	400	2,800 M
		Pts. S2	18	53N/5W		
		Pts. E2NW, Lots 1&2, N2NE	19	53N/5W		
		Pts. N2NW	20	53N/5W		
		Pts. S2	12	53N/6W		
		Pts. E2W2,SE,NE,Lots 1-4	13	53N/6W		
		Pts. Lots 1-4,E2W2,E2	24	53N/6W		

This sale is located approximately 7 air miles southwest of Spirit Lake, Idaho. Shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal prescriptions are planned. Both tractor and line skidding harvest methods will be required. Approximately 13.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, approximately 3.0 miles of spur road will be reconstructed, and approximately 4.0 miles of spur road will be opened. Class I and Class II streams are located within the sale area.

2	Cedar Mountain	Pts. S2S2NWNE, SWNE, S2	36	53N/3W	300	2,000 M
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This sale is located approximately 4 air miles southeast of Athol, Idaho. A shelterwood prescription is planned. A few small clearcuts up to 3 acres each are proposed. Both tractor and line skidding harvest methods will be required. Approximately 3.5 miles of spur road will be constructed, approximately 1.0 miles of spur road will be reconstructed, and approximately 2.0 miles of spur road will be opened. Class I and Class II streams are located within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	100	200 M
TOTALS:	800	5,000 M

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CATALDO SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	West Boise	Pts. NE, SW	35	48N/1W	329	4,450 M
		Pts. S2	36	48N/1W		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. NENW	1	47N/1W		
		Pts. E2	2	47N/1W		
		Pts. SE, S2SENE	3	47N/1W		

This sale is located approximately 3 air miles south of Cataldo, Idaho in the Skeel Gulch, Coeur d'Alene River and Latour Creek drainages. A combination of shelterwood and clearcut harvest prescription will be applied to this mature stand. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, extended (tagline) tailholds, and intermediate supports. Approximately 1 mile of secondary road will be reconstructed, 6 miles of secondary road will be opened and 1.2 miles of secondary road will be constructed. Class I and II streams are present.

2	Capitol Steps	Pts. Lot 10	34	50N/2E	323	4,250 M
		Pts. SWSW	2	49N/2E		
		Pts. Lots 1-3, 7	3	49N/2E		
		Pts. N2SW, Pts. SE	3	49N/2E		
		Pts. NE, Pts. NENW	10	49N/2E		
		Pts. NWNW	11	49N/2E		

This sale is located approximately 6 air miles northeast of Kingston, Idaho. The sale lies within Thomas Creek drainage (class II) which flows into the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. Mature sawtimber will be harvested using shelterwood methods. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be employed on this sale. Elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, and intermediate supports will be required at some locations. Approximately 6.7 miles of secondary road will be constructed and approximately 9.0 miles of secondary road will be opened.

Additional small volume sales:

300 M

90 M Cedar Pl

TOTALS: 652 9,000 M

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ST. JOE SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	West Fork Bond Creek	Pts. SE	21	45N/1E	247	4,935 M
		Pts. N2NE	28	45N/1E		
		Pts. NWSWNE	28	45N/1E		
		Pts. W2	28	45N/1E		
		Pts. W2SWNE	28	45N/1E		
<p>This sale is located approximately 7 air miles northeast of Santa, Idaho in the Bond Creek drainage. Silvicultural prescriptions will include a shelterwood harvest of approximately 216 acres and one clearcut of approximately 31 acres. Both tractor and skyline skidding methods will be utilized, including the use of elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, and forwarding. Developments include opening of approximately 3.51 miles of secondary road and 0.84 miles of secondary new construction. Bond Creek, a Class I stream, is the west and north boundary of the sale. Several Class II streams flow through the sale area. All streams are tributary to the St. Joe River.</p>						
2	Renfro Sawlog	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 & 4, NE	4	44N/1E	290	5,000 M 50 M Cedar prod.
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1, 2, & 3	5	44N/1E		
		Pts. N2, SE	5	44N/1E		
		Pts. E2E2	8	44N/1E		
		Pts.	9	44N/1E		
		Pts. N2N2	16	44N/1E		
<p>This sale is located approximately 5 air miles northeast of Fernwood, Idaho in the Renfro and Davis Creek drainages. The sale will remove overmature and decadent timber utilizing two clearcuts (47 and 95 acres) and shelterwood methods. Both skyline and ground based skidding will be used. Developments will include approximately 5.0 miles of secondary road opening and 3.5 miles of secondary new construction. Also, 4.9 miles of the Renfro Creek Cooperative Road will be resurfaced and 5.2 miles of the Renfro-Davis Road surfaced. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.</p>						
3	Big Bowl OSR	Pts. NE, E2NW, SWNW	32	43N/1E	620	5,000 M 200 M Cedar prod.
		Pts.	8	43N/1W		
		Pts. NW	9	43N/1W		
		Pts. SE	15	43N/1W		
		Pts. N2, SW	22	43N/1W		
<p>This sale is located in three geographical units situated in the W. Fork of Emerald Creek, Tyson Creek, and Carpenter Creek drainages, which are located approximately 6 air miles west of Clarkia, Idaho, 4 air miles southwest of Fernwood, Idaho, and 3 air miles southwest of Fernwood, Idaho respectively. Stands are mature and overmature and are comprised of mixed species. Silvicultural prescriptions include overstory removal and shelterwood methods. Tractor and skyline skidding will be used. Developments include approximately 6 miles of secondary road reconstruction and approximately 5 miles of secondary road opening and improvement. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale areas and are tributary to the W. Fork of Emerald Creek, Tyson Creek, and Carpenter Creek.</p>						
4	River Breaks	Pts. SESW, NESE, S2SE	2	45N/2W	268	4,000 M 100 M Cedar prod.
		Pts. NE, NENW, N2SE	11	45N/2W		
		Pts. W2NW	12	45N/2W		
		Pts. W2NE, S2NW, SW	16	45N/2W		
		Pts. SE	17	45N/2W		

This sale is located approximately 3 air miles southeast of St. Maries, Idaho in the St. Maries River drainage. The sale will have 2 clearcuts (9 and 26 acres) and several shelterwood units. It will harvest in root rot areas (clearcuts) and mixed mature forests that have little to no regeneration. Both tractor and skyline skidding will be utilized for harvesting. Developments will include approximately 3 miles of secondary road construction and rocking of approximately 2 miles of mainhaul road. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area and are tributaries to the St. Maries River (Class I). A portion of the sale area is adjacent to the St. Maries River.

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5	Little Elk	Pts. SWSW	13	43N/1E	155	4,000 M
		Pts. W2NWNWNE	24	43N/1E		40 M Cedar p
		Pts. NENW	24	43N/1E		
		Pts. NWNW	24	43N/1E		
		Pts. SWNW	24	43N/1E		
		Pts. N2SW	24	43N/1E		

This sale is located approximately 4 air miles northwest of Clarkia, Idaho, in the Staples Creek and Nelson Creek drainages. Existing stands are mature and silvicultural prescriptions will include seed tree, overstory removal, and selection methods. Tractor and skyline harvest methods will be employed, including the potential use of elevated tailholds, extended tailholds, intermediate supports and forwarding. Developments include construction of approximately 1.1 miles of new secondary road and reconstruction of approximately 3.6 miles of existing secondary road. Class I and Class II streams are present.

6	Devil's Trail	Pts. NWNE, S2NE	9	42N/2E	280	7,800 M
		Pts. SWNW, S2, S2NE	10	42N/2E		500 M Cedar p
		Pts. S2SE	13	42N/4E		
		Pts. NWNE	24	42N/4E		
		Pts. W2NW	25	42N/4E		
		Pts. E2, E2NW, NESE	26	42N/4E		
		Pts. SE	35	42N/4E		
		Pts.	36	42N/4E		

This sale is located approximately 15 air miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Floodwood Creek drainage. It utilizes overstory removal and one clearcut (60 acres) silvicultural prescriptions. The overstory removal consists of a medium mixed mature overstory (50/TPA) over light (200/TPA) to heavy (2,500/TPA) regeneration 0.5-20 feet in height. The clearcut consists of overmature, decadent timber that is primarily western red cedar and grand fir. Both tractor and skyline skidding systems will be utilized. Developments include approximately 5 miles of new secondary road construction 4 miles east of Clarkia, Idaho in the Middle Fork St. Maries River drainage. Class I and Class II riparian protection zones on Floodwood Creek, Trail Creek, and Curtis Creek have been established adjacent to the sale area.

7	Mary Jacket OSR	Pts. Govt. Lots 3 and 4	3	41N/4E	270	4,200 M
		Pts. SWNW	3	41N/4E		400 M Cedar p
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 and 2	4	41N/4E		
		Pts. S2NE	4	41N/4E		
		Pts. NESW, N2SE, SWSE	4	41N/4E		
		Pts. W2NW, N2SW, SESW	16	41N/4E		
		Pts. W2SE	16	41N/4E		
		Pts. E2NE, E2SE	17	41N/4E		
		Pts. SWSW	34	42N/4E		

This sale is located approximately 13 air miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Floodwood Creek drainage. The sale consists of stands of overmature, decadent timber that is primarily western red cedar and grand fir. The overstory will be removed using both tractor and skyline skidding. Developments will include reconstruction of 6.2 miles of secondary road. Anchor Creek is a Class I stream and flows through the sale area. Floodwood Creek, another Class I stream is separated from the sale area by a riparian protection zone. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area.

8	Clugs	Pts. E2	11	41N/5E	320	5,100 M
		Pts.	12	41N/5E		500 M Cedar pr
		Pts. N2	13	41N/5E		

This sale is located approximately 23 air miles southeast of Clarkia, Idaho in the Little North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage. This sale will harvest overmature timber, utilizing shelterwood and overstory removal silvicultural prescriptions. Tractor and skyline skidding will be used. Developments include approximately 0.25

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mile of spur road construction and approximately 5.5 miles of secondary road opening and improvement. Several unnamed Class II streams flow through the sale area and are tributary to the Little North Fork.						
Additional small volume sales:					1,300	965 M 400 M Cedar Prod.
TOTALS:					3,750	41,000 M 2,190 M Cedar Prod.

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Homestead	Pts. SW	8	46N/3W	120	1,500 M
	Pts. SE	8	46N/3W		
	Pts. S2NW	8	46N/3W		

This sale is located approximately 10 air miles west of St. Maries, Idaho within Heyburn State Park. The sale follows the guidelines for ponderosa pine restoration as outlined in the park's natural resource management plan. Mechanical harvesting and tractor skidding will be used within the entire sale area. Developments include the reconstruction of approximately 1 mile of secondary road. Two Class II streams border the sale area and flow into Lake Chatcolet.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Mica Divide	Pts. Govt. Lot 4	15	41N/2W	185	3,000 M
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1-4	16	41N/2W		
		Pts. NENE	20	41N/2W		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. NWNW	21	41N/2W		
		Pts. NWNW	22	41N/2W		
This sale is located approximately 6 air miles north of Deary, Idaho in the Little Sand Creek drainage. This sale will harvest timber utilizing clearcut (93 acres) and seed tree prescriptions. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Approximately four miles of existing secondary road will be utilized, and 4.5 miles of unsurfaced spur road will be reconstructed. There are several intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.						
2	Ponderosa Pole	Pts. W2NW	10	40N/1E	262	200 M 3,500 Cedar Pole
		SENW, NESW	10	40N/1E		
		Pts. W2SW	10	40N/1E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. S2SW	11	40N/2W		
		Pts. W2SE, Pts. SESE	11	40N/2W		
		Pts. NWNW	14	40N/2W		
This sale has two separated units; unit 1 is located approximately 3 air miles east of Bovill, Idaho and unit 2 is located approximately 1 air mile north of Deary, Idaho. Both units have been previously logged with cedar poles marked reserve. This sale will harvest all cedar 13 inches diameter breast height and larger. Both tractor and line skidding methods are required. Approximately 5 miles of spur road will be reconstructed and approximately 6 miles of main haul road will be used to access this sale. Class II streams are present within the sale area.						
3	Vassar Meadows	Pts. Govt. Lots 4 and 5	5	41N/1W	400	4,000 M
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1-9	6	41N/1W		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. SENW	6	41N/1W		
This sale is located approximately 3 air miles northeast of Deary, Idaho. This sale will utilize seed tree (10-20 trees per acre), overstory removal and clearcut (60 acres) prescriptions. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Road developments include approximately 0.2 miles of spur construction, and 3 miles of spur road reconstruction. Intermittent Class II streams along with the East Fork of Corral Creek (Class II) are present within the sale area.						
4	Lower Falls Creek	Pts. N2NW	24	39N/3E	62	2,000 M
This sale is located approximately 8 air miles southeast of Elk River, Idaho. This entire sale is overmature, decadent trees and will be clearcut except within stream protection zones. The entire sale will require longline line skidding methods. Approximately 6.5 miles of existing secondary and spur road will be reconstructed and 9 miles of Camp L Co-op road will be used to access this sale. Falls Creek, a Class I stream and two Class II streams are within the sale area. In addition, there are intermittent Class II streams within the sale area. Falls Creek flows into Dworshak Reservoir approximately ¼ mile below the sale.						
5	Aldermend Return	Pts. W2NE	25	39N/1E	185	3,600 M
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. NW,	30	39N/2E		
		Pts. NWSW	30	39N/2E		
This sale is located approximately 7 air miles southwest of Elk River, Idaho. The entire sale will be harvested using a seed tree prescription. Approximately 10-20 trees per acre, predominantly Douglas-fir, larch and ponderosa pine, are marked reserve. Most of this sale will require line skidding with a minor amount of tractor skidding. This sale will require approximately 2 miles of spur road construction, reconstruct 3 miles of secondary road and use of 12 miles of the Mason Meadow Co-op Road system. Within the sale area there are several intermittent Class II streams. Long Meadow Creek (Class I) and an unnamed tributary of Long Meadow Creek (Class II) are adjacent to the sale.						

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
6	Bull Run Pole	Pts. Govt. Lot 2,	4	39N/2E	260	1,500 M
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. N2SW,	4	39N/2E		5,000 Cedar Poles
		Pts. SESW	4	39N/2E		
		Pts. Govt. Lots 1 & 2,	5	39N/2E		
		Pts. S2NE	5	39N/2E		

This sale is located approximately 3 air miles southwest of Elk River, Idaho. The sale will harvest pole quality cedar trees. Both tractor and line skidding methods are required. Approximately 2.5 miles of spur roads will be constructed and approximately 5.1 miles of spur roads will be reconstructed. Portions of these roads will be rocked prior to harvesting. There are Class II streams within the sale area tributary to Cloverleaf Creek.

7	Teakean Reservation	Pts. S2	16	37N, 1E	250	3,000 M
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This sale is located approximately 4 air miles east of Cavendish, Idaho. This sale will harvest multi-aged mixed stands using a shelterwood prescription with a target of 20-30 trees per acre remaining including cedar poles. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Road developments for this sale include approximately 1.5 miles of spur construction and one mile of spur reconstruction. Intermittent Class II streams are present within the sale area.

8	Park 13	Pts. Govt. Lots 1,2,3 & 4	13	43N/5W	300	4,000 M
		Pts. W2NE, Pts. N2NW,	13	43N/5W		
		Pts. SENW	13	43N/5W		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. W2SE	13	43N/5W		

This sale is located approximately 10 air miles northwest of Potlatch, Idaho. The silvicultural prescription will convert much of the area to an open stand dominated by ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and western larch. The resulting stand structure will resemble a seed tree harvest. All cedar poles will be reserved for future harvest. Both tractor and line skidding methods will be required. Approximately 2.0 miles of spur road will be constructed, approximately 4.5 miles of spur road will be reconstructed and approximately 1.0 mile of spur road will be opened. Several intermittent Class II streams flow within or adjacent to the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	500	1,000 M
TOTALS:	2,404	22,300 M
		8,500 Cedar Poles

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CLEARWATER SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Rain 'n' Lightning	Pts. SE	20	37N/4E	175	3,600 M
		Pts. W2SW	21	37N/4E		
		Pts. N2NW, Pts. SWNW	28	37N/4E		
		Pts. N2NE, Pts. NENW	29	37N/4E		

This sale is located approximately 15 air miles east of Orofino, Idaho. Silvicultural prescriptions include seed tree and overstory removal. Development will include approximately 1.7 miles of new construction of spur roads and opening 0.8 mile of spur roads. The entire sale may be ground skidded. There are several intermittent Class II streams within the sale area.

2	Cut-off Commercial	Pts. SWNE, Pts. Lots 3 & 4,	5	37N/3E	253	1,580 M
		Pts. S2NW, Pts. NESW,	5	37N/3E		
		Pts. NWSE	5	37N/3E		
		Pts. Lots 1 & 2, Pts. SENE,	6	37N/3E		
		Pts. Lots 3 & 4	6	37N/3E		

This sale is located approximately 10 air miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho. This sale will commercially thin a small sawlog stand. Removal of chipwood and topwood will be required. The entire sale is suitable for ground based equipment with restrictions requiring cut-to-length equipment only. Development work will include 1.1 miles of spur road reconstruction. Several Class II streams are present within the sale area.

3	Casey Facey	Pts. Lot 2, Pts. SWNE	6	38N/5E	417	2,310 M
		Pts. Lots 3-5, SENW	6	38N/5E		
		Pts. Lots 6-7, Pts. E2SW	6	38N/5E		
		Pts. E2SE	36	39N/4E		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. Lot 2	31	39N/5E		
		Pts. SENW, Pts. Lots 3-4	31	39N/5E		
		Pts. E2SW, Pts. SE	31	39N/5E		

This sale is located approximately 5 air miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho. The sale will commercially thin 50-60 year old sawtimber from a mixed species stand. Harvest requirements will include cut-to-length equipment. Approximately 2 miles of new spur road will be constructed, and 0.5 mile of existing spur road will be reconstructed. Several unnamed Class II streams are present within the sale area.

4	N. Lewis	Pts. Lots 1-2, Pts. SWNE	4	38N/4E	205	5,530 M
		Pts. Lot 3, Pts. SENW	4	38N/4E		
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. E2NW	33	39N/4E		
		Pts. NESW, Pts. NWSE	33	39N/4E		
		Pts. SESE	33	39N/4E		
		Pts. SWSW	34	39N/4E		

This sale is located approximately 8 air miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho, on the west side of John Lewis Mountain. Silvicultural prescriptions include seed tree harvest, overstory removal, and a 77 acre clearcut. Development will include construction of 3.9 miles of secondary road and 0.82 mile of spur road. Tractor skidding and skyline cable yarding will be required with cable distances up to 1,700 feet. Several Class II streams are within the sale area.

5	Snake 2 Commercial	Pts. S2NE, Pts. NW, Pts. S2	36	38N/4E	362	3,455 M
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This sale is located approximately 4 air miles southwest of Headquarters, Idaho. The sale will commercially thin 40-50 year old sawtimber. Harvest requirements will include cut-to-length equipment. Approximately 1.0 mile of new spur road will be constructed, and 1.8 miles of existing spur road will be reconstructed. One (1) unnamed Class I stream and numerous Class II streams are located within the sale area. It is located within the Snake Creek drainage, part of the Reeds Creek drainage.

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SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
6	Divide Saddle	Pts. SE	9	40N/5E	409	6,595 M
		Pts. S2	10	40N/5E		
		Pts. NE, Pts. E2NW,	16	40N/5E		
		Pts. N2SE	16	40N/5E		
This sale is located approximately 13 air miles north of Headquarters, Idaho. The entire sale will be seed tree harvested. Tractor and skyline cable yarding will be required with cable distances up to 1,600 feet. Development work includes opening 12.5 miles of spur road. Several Class II streams are within the sale area.						
7	White Pine Pole	Pts. N2, Pts. SW, Pts. E2SE	23	40N/6E	440	540 M 3,600 Cedar poles
This sale is located approximately 14 air miles northwest of Headquarters, Idaho. Utility pole quality cedar will be harvested using both tractor and skyline cable yarding. Cable yarding is required with distances of up to 1,800 feet. Development work on spur roads includes approximately 1.1 miles of new construction and opening 7.6 miles. Class I and II streams are present within the sale area. A portion of Beaver Creek, a Class I stream, is adjacent to the sale.						
8	North Cedar	Pts. Lots 1, 2, 3, Lot 4,	2	38N/2E	458	4,520 M
		Pts. SWNE, Pts. S2NW	2	38N/2E		
		Pts. Lots 1, 2, 3, Pts. Lot 4,	3	38N/2E		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. S2NW,	3	38N/2E		
		Pts. N2S2	3	38N/2E		
This sale is located approximately 3 air miles north of Dent, Idaho. A single grip harvester and a line machine will be required to harvest the sale in a shelterwood prescription. This sale will construct approximately 0.6 mile, reconstruct 2.9 miles, and open 3.9 miles of spur road. Cedar Creek, a Class I stream forms the northeast boundary of the sale. An unnamed Class II stream is also within the sale area						
Additional small volume sales:					500	1,990 M 800 Cedar Poles
TOTALS:					3,219	30,120 M 4,400 Cedar Poles

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MAGGIE CREEK SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Burcham Commercial	Pts. Lots 2 – 4, Pts. S2NW Pts. N2SW Pts. Lot 1, Pts. SENE	3 3 4	35N/5E 35N/5E 35N/5E	229	1,500 M
<p>This sale was initially listed on the FY-2005 timber sales plan, but has been moved to the FY-2006 plan because volume targets were met. This sale is located approximately 6.0 air miles northeast of Weippe, Idaho in the Burcham Creek drainage. Second growth timber created from a stand replacing fire will be commercially thinned by removing overcrowded and defective trees from below. A single grip harvester and forwarder will be required on the entire sale area. Approximately 2.0 miles of spur road construction is proposed, and an additional 1.0 mile of spur road will be opened. Class II streams are present within the sale area.</p>						
2	Hydro Commercial	Pts. SWNE, Pts. SE	9	35N/4E	53	500 M
<p>This sale was initially listed on the FY-2005 timber sales plan, but has been moved to the FY-2006 plan because volume targets were met. This sale is located approximately 1.5 air miles northwest of Weippe, Idaho on the above the breaks of Jim Ford Creek. The sale will remove suppressed and defective trees utilizing a commercial silvicultural prescription. A single grip harvester and forwarder will be required. The entire sale can be logged on existing roads. Approximately 0.1 mile of spur road construction is planned. No Class I or II streams are present.</p>						
3	Pete's Basin OSR	Pts. Govt. Lots 1-2, Pts. S2NE Pts. N2SE, Pts. SESE	3 3 3	34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E	85	800 M
<p>This sale is located approximately 7 air miles southeast of Weippe, Idaho. This sale will harvest mature, overmature and defective timber utilizing overstory removal and clearcut prescriptions. One 10 acre clearcut unit is proposed. The sale will be harvested using tractor and line skidding methods. The entire sale can be logged to existing roads. Approximately 0.4 mile of spur road will be opened. Streams within the sale area are intermittent Class II tributaries of Pete and Charlie Creek and Blonde Creek, which flow into Musselshell Creek.</p>						
4	Eight Ball Pulp	Pts. SWSW Pts. SWSW, Pts. S2SE Pts. E2NE Pts. N2, Pts. SW, Pts. NWSE Pts. W2NW	4 5 7 8 9	34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E	251	3,500 M 3,000 M Pulp
<p>This sale is located approximately 5 air miles southeast of Weippe, Idaho in the Miles Creek drainage. A pole clearcut harvest prescription will be applied to this highly defective stand severely infected with Indian paint fungus. Five (5) clearcuts are planned for this sale, consisting of 34 acres, 41 acres, two 46 acres, and one 84 acres in total. The entire sale can be tractor skidded. Approximately 1.1 miles of spur road will be reconstructed and 1.2 mile spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present in the sale area.</p>						
5	Crane Creek Pole	Pts. SW Pts. E2SE Pts. E2NE Pts. NW	1 2 11 12	34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E 34N/5E	275	700 M 3,500 Cedar Pole
<p>This sale is located approximately 8 air miles southeast of Weippe, Idaho in the Musselshell Creek drainage. Selective logging will harvest pole quality cedar trees using tractor and line skidding methods. Approximately 0.5 mile of spur road will be opened, 0.6 mile of spur road will be reconstructed, and 1.5 miles of spur road will be constructed. Class II streams are present in the sale area.</p>						
6	School Shelter	Pts. SW	36	34N/4E	150	1,500 M
<p>This sale is located approximately 6 air miles east of Kamiah, Idaho on rolling terrain which drains into Glover Creek. This entry will remove suppressed and overstocked trees utilizing shelterwood and seedtree prescriptions. The</p>						

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majority of the sale will be tractor skidded, but a short-span line machine will also be required. Road development will include approximately 1.5 miles of spur road opening and approximately 0.3 mile of spur road construction. Class II streams are present within the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	200	800 M
TOTALS:	1,243	9,300 M
		3,000 M Pulp
		3,500 Cedar Poles

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CRAIG MOUNTAIN SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Antler Knob	Pts. NWNE, Pts.S2NE	22	29N/2E	353	5,645 M
		Pts. E2NW, Pts. NESW	22	29N/2E		
		Pts. S2NE, Pts. SW	23	29N/2E		
		Pts. SWNE	26	29N/2E		
		Pts. S2NW	26	29N/2E		
		Pts. N2SW	26	29N/2E		
		Pts. SESW	26	29N/2E		
		Pts. W2SE	26	29N/2E		
		Pts. NESE	27	29N/2E		
		Pts. W2NE	35	29N/2E		
		Pts. E2NW	35	29N/2E		

This sale is located approximately 7 air miles southwest of Grangeville, Idaho in the Cottonwood and Jimmie Creek drainages. Harvest prescriptions will include selective, seed tree/shelterwood, and four clearcuts (20, 35, 53, 36 acres). The entire sale will utilize ground skidding methods. Approximately 0.6 miles of spur road will be constructed and 4.4 miles of spur road will be opened. Class II streams are present on the sale area.

Additional small volume sales:

	110	1,590 M
TOTALS:	463	7,235 M

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PAYETTE LAKES SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Price Valley OSR	Pts. E2, Pts. NW, Pts. N2SW Pts. N2NE Pts. SWSW	1 12 36	19N/1W 19N/1W 20N/1W	519	2,010 M

This sale is located approximately 6 air miles northwest of New Meadows, Idaho. An over-story removal with commercial thinning prescription will be implemented throughout the sale area. The entire sale area can be logged with ground based equipment. Approximately 6.0 miles of existing spur road will be opened and approximately 1.0 mile of new spur road will be constructed. Approximately 3,500 feet of existing spur road will be abandoned. Several Class II intermittent streams are located within the sale boundary.

2	East Lakey	Pts. SESW, Pts. S2SE Pts. W2NW, Pts. NWSW Pts. NE, Pts. N2SE, Pts. SESE	20 28 29 29	17N/2W 17N/2W 17N/2W 17N/2W	232	4,400 M
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This sale is located approximately 8 air miles northwest of Council, Idaho. The harvest prescription is a shelterwood. Small openings generally less than 5 acres will be created where no desirable species are present to reserve. Tractor and/or jammer logging methods are required. Reconstruction and/or improvement work will be accomplished on approximately 3.0 miles of spur road. Lakey Creek (a Class II perennial), which is a tributary to Hornet Creek, forms the northwestern boundary of this sale.

3	Bo Tyee	Pts. W2SW Pts. S2 Pts. L1, Pts L2 Pts. S2NE, Pts. L5 Pts. SENW, Pts. L6 Pts. E2SW, Pts. SE Pts. NENW	4 5 6 6 6 6 8	18N/4E 18N/4E 18N/4E 18N/4E 18N/4E 18N/4E 18N/4E	559	4,810 M
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This sale is located approximately 5 air miles northeast of McCall, Idaho. The harvest is prescribed as an overstory removal with a commercial thinning prescribed in the understory. Primarily helicopter methods, with a small amount of tractor and/or jammer logging systems will be required. 2.9 miles of main road will be opened. Reconstruction and/or improvement work will be accomplished on approximately .8 miles of main road 1.2 miles of secondary road and 2 miles of spur road. Lake Fork Creek, a class I stream, is located just south of the timber sale boundary. Tyee Creek (a class II perennial) passes through the sale area and Jumbo Creek (a class II perennial) defines the east sale boundary. Both of these streams, along with some other unnamed class II streams that pass through the sale area ultimately drain into Lake Fork Creek.

4	Sloans	Pts. W2E2, W2 Pts. NENE, SE Pts. NENE Pts. SW, SWSE	1 12 13 36	16N/4E 16N/4E 16N/4E 17N/4E	800	5,220 M
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This sale is located approximately 8.5 air miles east of Donnelly, Idaho. Both skyline yarding and tractor/jammer skidding will be required. Harvest prescriptions include overstory removal, commercial thin and a clearcut of approximately 18 acres. Approximately 18 miles of spur and secondary road will be opened and about 8 miles of existing spur road will be reconstructed. Approximately 1 mile of new spur road will be constructed. Sloans Creek, a Class II stream, and numerous other Class II tributaries to both Sloans and Kennally Creeks run through the sale area. There are no Class 1 streams in the sale area.

5	Leftover Johnson	Pts. S2S2 Pts. SESE Pts. E2E2 Pts. E2, Pts. E2W2 Pts. L1, Pts. L3	26 27 34 35 2	17N/3W 17N/3W 17N/3W 17N/3W 16N/3W	566	5,800 M
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This sale is located approximately 11 air miles west northwest of Council, Idaho. The harvest is prescribed as a mix between a cull tree removal and a shelterwood. Tractor and /or jammer logging methods are required.

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PAYETTE LAKES SUPERVISORY AREA

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Approximately 2.7 miles of new spur road will be constructed. Johnson Creek (a Class I perennial) divides the two units of this sale.

Additional small volume sales:

	100	760 M
TOTALS:	2,776	23,000 M

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SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Hardrock	Pts. E2 Pts. NE Pts.	1 10 11-12	5N/5E 5N/5E 5N/5E	567	3,890 M
<p>This sale is located approximately 3 air miles south of Idaho City in the Pine Creek and Grayback Gulch drainages. Harvest will follow an "adaptive" prescription that will thin the younger stand, harvest over-mature and mature timber and create regeneration opportunities in small openings. The sale will re-locate the Pine Creek road and abandon the current route adjacent to Pine Creek, a development package that involves approximately 2.5 miles of main haul abandonment, 3.8 miles of main haul construction and 3 miles of spur road construction. Both tractor/jammer yarding and skyline/jammer yarding will be required.</p>						
2	Banks Grade	Pts. E2 Pts.	36 31	9N/2E 9N/2E	426	2,520 M
<p>This sale is located approximately 2 air miles SW of Banks at the top of the Banks Grade, in the Dry Buck Creek drainage. The sale will remove a scattered overstory on about a third of the sale area and prepare the remainder for natural regeneration with a shelterwood / seed tree harvest. There are no Class I streams involved. Both tractor skidding and line skidding will be required to harvest this sale. Secondary road development will include 1.4 miles new construction, 0.7 mile reconstruction and abandonment of 0.5 mile. Spur road development includes 1.4 miles of new construction, 1.0 mile of reconstruction and abandonment of 0.8 mile.</p>						
3	Zimmer Pass	Pts. Pts. SW Pts. S2	2 34 35	9N/3E 10N/3E 10N/3E	290	4,140 M
<p>This sale is located approximately 12 air miles south of Smiths Ferry, Idaho in Boise County. All drainages are Class II or ephemeral tributaries of Howell Creek, a Class I stream and the sale boundary. Howell Creek is tributary to the North Fork of the Payette River. Commercial thin is the basic prescription for the entire sale area. Two alternative systems, shelterwood and group selection, will be encountered as species composition, density (BA), age, and habitat type changes. Silvicultural activities in riparian areas will be modified to retain canopy cover as recommended by the Forest Practice Act. Development will include reconstruction of 1.5 miles of spur road and construction of 1.0 mile of spur road. Skyline and Jammer yarding will be required on the sale area.</p>						
Additional small volume sales:					115	450 M
TOTALS:					1,398	11,000 M

DRAFT PROPOSED TIMBER SALES PLAN

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

EASTERN SUPERVISORY AREA

SALE NO.	SALE NAME	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	T & R	ACREAGE	APPROXIMATE VOLUME
1	Sheridan	Pts.	15	13N/40E	380	1,800 M
		Pts.	16			
		Pts.	21			
		Pts.	22			
		Pts.	23			

The sale is located approximately 8 air miles northeast of Kilgore, Idaho. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking in most units and overstory removal one unit. No developments are required. The sale has a mixture of Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine and there is heavy Spruce Budworm activity. There are no Class I or Class II streams within the sale boundary.

2	Reservoir	Pts.	13	13N/40E	535	3,000 M
		Pts.	14	13N/40E		
		Pts.	22	13N/40E		
		Pts.	23	13N/40E		
		Pts.	24	13N/40E		

The sale is located approximately 9 air miles northeast of Kilgore, Idaho. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking in most units and overstory removal in two units. No developments are required. The sale has a mixture of Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine and there is heavy Spruce Budworm activity. There are no Class I or Class II streams within the sale boundary.

3	Antelope Valley	Pts.	11	13N/39E	245	1,200 M
		Pts.	12	13N/39E		
		Pts.	17	13N/40E		
		Pts.	18	13N/40E		

The sale is located approximately 5 air miles northeast of Kilgore, Idaho. Harvest prescription will be a shelterwood with reserve marking. The sale has a mixture of Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine and there is heavy Spruce Budworm activity. There are no Class I and one Class II streams within the sale boundary. Developments will include installing culverts.

Additional small volume sales:

100 765 M

TOTALS: 1,260 6,765 M

**FY-2006
ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Area	New Construction			Reconstruction			Surfacing	Abandon
	(miles)			(miles)			(miles)	(miles)
	Main	Secondary	Spur	Main	Secondary	Spur		
Priest Lake			11.4		12.9	22.1		
Kootenai Valley			1.2		1.0	2.0		3.0
Pend Oreille			5.3		6.4	4.7		
Mica			17.0			4.0		
Cataldo		7.9			1.0			
St. Joe		13.4	0.3		15.8			12.1
Ponderosa			8.2		15.0	26.6		
Clearwater		3.9	7.2			5.9		
Maggie Creek			5.1			1.7		
Craig Mountain			0.6					
Payette Lakes			4.7	0.8	1.2	13.0		
Southwestern	3.8	1.4	5.4		0.7	2.5		3.8
Eastern Idaho								
TOTALS	3.8	26.6	66.4	0.8	54.0	82.5	15.1	3.8

Estimated Costs

New Construction

Main	3.8 miles @	\$ 25,000.00	per mile =	95,000.00
Secondary	26.6 miles @	\$ 20,350.00	per mile =	\$ 541,310.00
Spur	66.4 miles @	\$ 16,500.00	per mile =	\$ 1,095,930.00

Reconstruction

Main	0.8 miles @	\$ 10,200.00	per mile =	\$ 8,160.00
Secondary	54.0 miles @	\$ 8,250.00	per mile =	\$ 445,500.00
Spur	82.5 miles @	\$ 6,600.00	per mile =	\$ 544,170.00

<u>Surfacing</u>	15.1 miles @	\$ 24,400.00	per mile =	<u>\$ 368,440.00</u>
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<u>Abandon</u>	3.8 miles @	\$ 4,500.00	per mile =	<u>\$ 17,100.00</u>
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TOTAL				\$ 3,115,610.00
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May 1, 2005

Steve Huffaker, Director
Idaho Department of Fish & Game
600 S. Walnut
P. O. Box 25
Boise, ID 83707

Dear Steve:

Attached for your review is a copy of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2006.

Field personnel from our two agencies meet regularly to discuss individual proposals in the plan. Please advise me if you have any comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS
Director

WAW/sas

Attachment

May 1, 2005

Karl J. Dreher, Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1301 N. Orchard Street
Boise, ID 83706-2237

Dear Karl:

In accordance with Section 58-404, IC, attached are copies of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2006 to be distributed to your regional offices.

Please advise whether, from the standpoint of water conservation, you have any objections to the timber being sold as proposed. All work will be completed in accordance with the Idaho Forest Practices Act, and our Memorandum of Understanding dated July 9, 2002. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS
Director

WAW/sas

Attachment

May 1, 2005

Steve Guerber, Director
Idaho State Historical Society
1109 Main Street, Suite 250
Boise, ID 83702-5642

Dear Steve:

Attached for your review is a copy of the Department of Lands Timber Sales Plan for FY-2006.

Our timber sales staff has already notified your office of the location of these sales during the public advertisement and review process. Changes from the list of proposed sales sent to your office on June 17, 2003 have been highlighted on the attached supplemental document. Please advise us if any of these location changes will affect any archaeological sites. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS
Director

WAW/sas

Attachment

May 1, 2005

Members of Forest Products Industry
Prospective Purchasers
Other Interested Parties

It is our pleasure to provide you with a listing of timber sales in your area that the State of Idaho may offer at public auction during the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

The TIMBER SUPPLY STABILIZATION ACT, Idaho Code, Title 58, Chapter 10, requires that each bidder be a "Qualified Bidder" on all sales offered except the Cut-off Commercial sale on the Clearwater Supervisory Area and the Alderman Return sale on the Ponderosa Supervisory Area. On March 12, 2002, the State Board of Land Commissioners passed a policy suspending the "qualified bidder" requirement on all endowment land timber sales (except cedar pole sales) south of the Salmon River and north of the St. Joe River.

The indicated volumes for the following supervisory areas are approximations and may change upon more detailed examination and sale preparation.

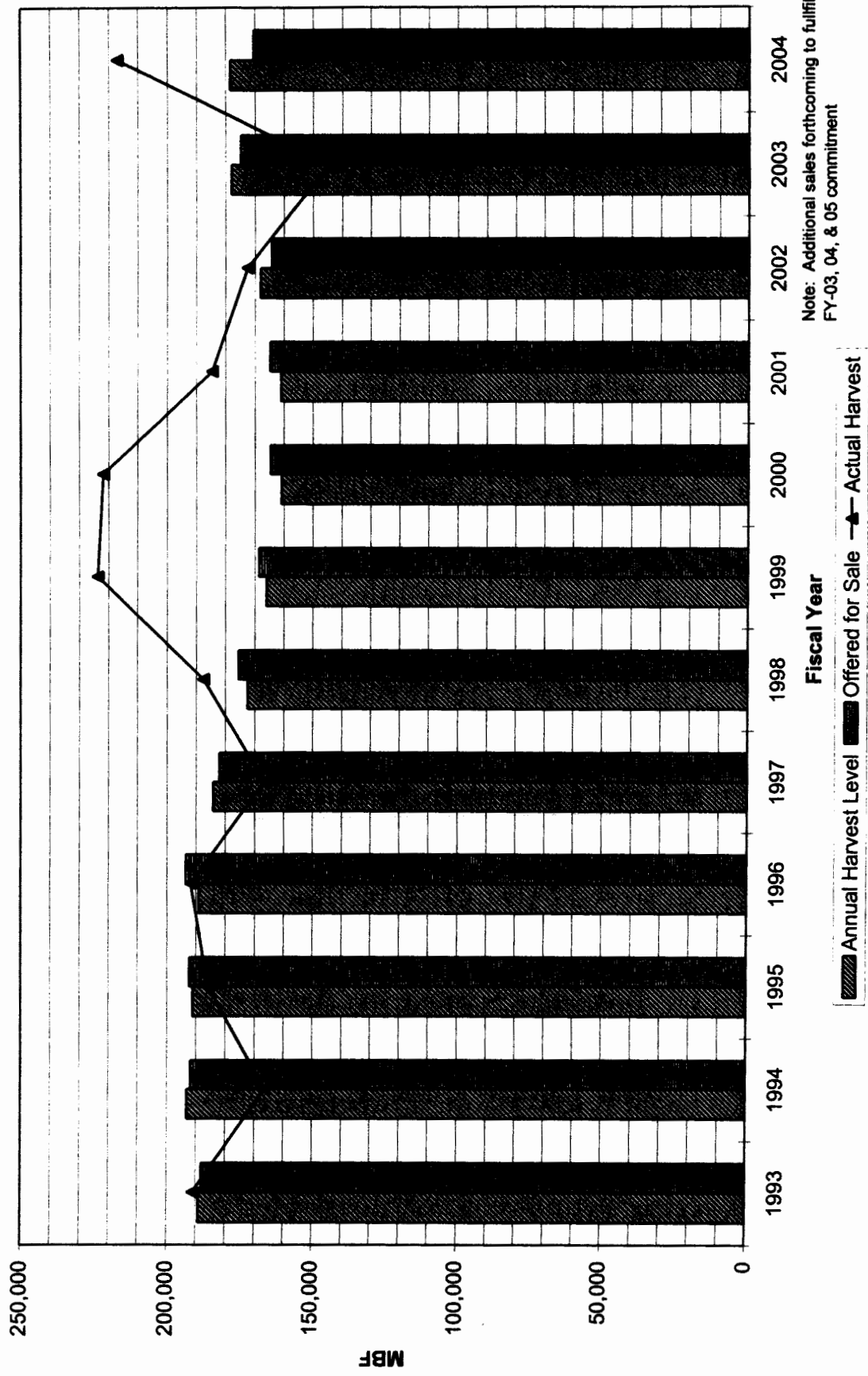
Area	Sawlogs (MBF)	Cedar Poles (Pcs)	Pulp (MBF)	Cedar Products (MBF)
Priest Lake	15,600	2,000		
Kootenai Valley	6,000			
Pend Oreille Lake	11,600	2,000		
Mica	5,000			
Cataldo	9,000			90
St. Joe	41,000			2,190
Ponderosa	22,300	8,500		
Clearwater	30,120	4,400		
Maggie Creek	9,300	3,500	3,000	
Craig Mountain	7,235			
Payette Lakes	23,000			
Southwest	11,000			
Eastern Idaho	6,765			
Totals	197,920	20,400	3,000	2,280

Should you need additional copies of these plans or wish more detailed information on any particular sale, please feel free to contact your nearest Idaho Department of Lands office.

Sincerely,

WINSTON A WIGGINS
Director

Annual Harvest Levels





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Patrick Seymour
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March 1, 2005

Re: Idaho Conservation League and Selkirk Conservation Alliance comments on the
2006 Timber Sales Plan

Dear Mr. Seymour,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Idaho Department of Lands' year 2006 Timber Sale Plan. The Idaho Conservation League has a long history of involvement with forest management issues. As Idaho's largest statewide conservation organization, we represent members from around the state, many of whom have a deep personal interest in ensuring that timber sale harvests are consistent with protecting our land, water and wildlife from the harmful effects of roads and logging in inappropriate areas. We have attached our comments at the end of this letter.

As you know, our concerns about water quality and impacts to threatened or endangered species have led toward litigation in the past. We view our subsequent discussions with the Idaho Department of Lands as good faith efforts to avoid litigation and find workable solutions. We were hoping to review a Timber Sale Plan in which the Idaho Department of Lands made substantive efforts to address our concerns. We were disappointed to find that several of the timber sales proposed in the 2006 Timber Sale Plan continue to raise concerns about negative impacts to grizzly bear, woodland caribou, and bull trout.

The 2006 Timber Sale Plan continues to fast-track controversial sales and prescriptions. Some of these sales will result in significant habitat modifications that actually kill or injure listed species by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns. Of particular concern is the plan to harvest mature and old-growth trees in early winter habitat for woodland caribou. Furthermore, road management in the 2006 Timber Sale Plan does not seem to reflect our discussions about ways to increase habitat security for grizzly bears to recommended levels. Finally, plans for logging and road building in bull trout watersheds will exacerbate the current degraded condition of bull trout habitat.

Particularly controversial sales should not proceed as described until long-term solutions for the protection of listed species have been formulated, whether through a Habitat Conservation Plan or improved management techniques. In the interim, the Idaho Department of Lands should have a more than adequate timber base where the locations

*Idaho Conservation League and Selkirk Conservation Alliance comments on the
Idaho Department of Lands 2006 Timber Sales Plan page 1 of 5*

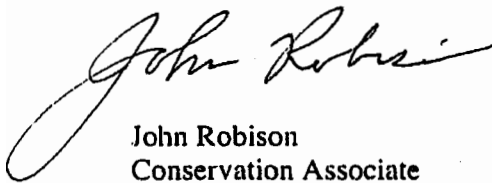
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and prescriptions for timber sales do not raise any apparent conflict with threatened or endangered species.

We hope that by informing the Idaho Department of Lands about these specific concerns now, we will have a chance to discuss opportunities for both short and long term resolutions. We hope that the Idaho Department of Lands will proceed only with the non-controversial aspects of the Plan while we continue good-faith efforts to resolve the controversial sales listed below. We believe that if the Idaho Department of Lands decides to proceed with all sales as described, our organization will not be able to continue efforts to find long term solutions and may again have to resort to the legal forum to protect these listed species.

Sincerely,



John Robison
Conservation Associate



Mark Sprengel
Executive Director

Idaho Conservation League and Selkirk Conservation Alliance comments on the
Idaho Department of Lands 2006 Timber Sales Plan

The following list of timber sales highlights particularly controversial sales that require additional mitigation measures (such as improved road management) or that should be placed on hold until the issues surrounding them have been resolved. We have attempted to identify which sales could benefit from additional mitigation measures and which sales are problematic by nature. For the sales that are problematic, Idaho Department of Lands should focus its resources on developing timber sales from less controversial units.

Phoebe Trap Timber Sale

The Phoebe Trap timber sale is inside a grizzly bear management unit. This sale will reconstruct over 2 miles of road and construct 0.6 miles of new roads. Any gates or barricades erected and managed according to previous standards are not sufficient to provide secure habitat for grizzly bears. This sale, as described, will still result in an increase in the total road density which is a limiting factor for grizzly bears. Furthermore, because previous road closure and enforcement standards have been inadequate at preventing vehicles from breaching gates and berms, these roads cannot be considered to be closed and will have to be considered "open," another limiting factor for grizzly bears.

The Phoebe Trap timber sale is also within the caribou recovery zone and will destroy early winter habitat for caribou through its prescription of shelterwood cuts and clearcuts. In addition, the Trapper Creek drainage also contains bull trout. Because there is no way at this time to mitigate for the loss of early winter habitat for caribou, this sale should be placed on hold until caribou and other concerns have been addressed programmatically throughout the Priest Lake State Forest.

Trapper Point OSR Timber Sale

The Trapper Point OSR timber sale is also located within a grizzly bear management unit. The proposal to reconstruct or improve 3.2 miles of road is problematic under previous road management standards because gates or barricades have not proven to be effective at providing secure habitat. This sale is also adjacent to caribou early winter habitat and the caribou recovery zone and will be removing overstory trees which could affect use of early winter habitat. Furthermore, this sale is in the East Fork of the Trapper Creek drainage, which flows into Trapper Creek and provides habitat for bull trout. Again, we feel that this sale should be placed on hold until these concerns have been addressed programmatically throughout the Priest Lake State Forest.

Roothaan Timber Sale

The Roothaan timber sale is also inside the grizzly bear management unit and will construct 2.7 miles of new road. Again, gates have not proven to be an effective remedy for increasing road densities. While this timber sale is outside of early winter habitat, it will remove trees through shelterwood cuts within the caribou recovery zone. This sale should be redesigned with additional mitigation measures, such as using helicopter logging instead of new road construction, and units in stands needed for caribou survival should be dropped.

Goose Chopper Timber Sale

The Goose Chopper Timber Sale is part of sale within Two Mouth Creek drainage near the mouth of the creek. Because this drainage contains bull trout, we have concerns about constructing and reconstructing more roads and removing more forest canopy near riparian areas. This sale should either be postponed or redesigned to eliminate road construction and the prescription should be adjusted to address sedimentation and temperature concerns

Indian Camp Timber Sale

This sale is located in Indian Creek drainage, near mouth of Indian creek. The timber sale plan calls for constructing or reconstructing 3.5 miles of road and removing much canopy with shelterwood cuts. This sale should either be postponed or redesigned to eliminate road construction and the prescription should be adjusted to address sedimentation and temperature concerns.

Midbugs Over Timber Sale

The Midbugs Over timber sale is located within Middle Fork and North Fork East River Watersheds where we also have concerns about bull trout. Bull trout spawning redds occur in both streams. The Idaho Department of Lands needs to mitigate for the already high road densities and legacy problems from extensive timber harvests before proceeding with this sale.

Keokee Up Timber Sale

The Keokee Up timber sale is proposed within the Keokee Creek drainage, which flows into Middle Fork East River just upstream of Uleda Creek. This sale entails constructing 2.5 miles of new road, opening 8 miles of main road, and reconstructing or improving 11.5 miles of road. The combined effects of the road work and regeneration harvests will have enormous impacts on vegetation, soil productivity, and sedimentation and result in diminished habitat for bull trout. Given the large amount of road work and soil disturbance involved, the Idaho Department of Lands should postpone this sale until bull trout concerns have been addressed throughout the Priest Lake State Forest.

Jungle Up Timber Sale

The Jungle Up timber sale is located within the Jungle Creek drainage, which flows into Middle Fork East River. Constructing 0.7 miles of new road and reconstructing or improving 5.5 miles of road will have negative impacts on bull trout. Again, previous road management measures have proven to be ineffective at protecting habitat. This sale also removes more canopy and disturbs additional soil from a heavily logged watershed with numerous legacy effects. The road management and silvicultural prescription for this sale need to be redesigned with adequate protective measures or the sale should be postponed.

Tar Pole Timber Sale

The Tar Pole timber sale is in the Tarlac Creek drainage in Middle Fork East River watershed which formerly supported bull trout. Constructing 0.5 miles of new road,

reconstructing or improving 7 0 miles of road and opening 2 miles main road is not consistent with preventing further degradation of bull trout habitat downstream. The road management and prescription for this sale needs to be redesigned with adequate protective measures.

Middle Fly Timber Sale

The Middle Fly timber sale was proposed in the 2005 sale plan but has not been cut yet. We still have significant concerns about the location and prescription of this sale as it will adversely affect bull trout in Middle Fork East River. The forests on the steep sloped surrounding this sale have already been heavily logged and these units provide an important buffer to minimize legacy effects on the Middle Fork of the East River. Given the importance of maintaining this buffer, the Idaho Department of Lands should postpone this sale until bull trout concerns have been addressed throughout the Priest Lake State Forest.

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March 28, 2005

John Robison
Idaho Conservation League
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Dear Mr. Robison,

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2005 with your comments on the proposed Idaho Department of Lands' 2006 timber sale program. Your comments will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Sales Plan presentation to the State Board of Land Commissioners in April.

This past year the Department, from Executive Staff to Area Staff, has met with the Idaho Conservation League, the Selkirk Conservation Alliance and others to discuss mutual concerns. We appreciate your participation in constructive dialogue.

The Idaho Department of Lands is steadfast in our commitment to achieving our mission. The Department will continue to comply with all applicable laws, including the Idaho Forest Practices Act and the Endangered Species Act. Protection of Idaho's land, water quality and wildlife plays an important role in our land management activities. The Department's concern for grizzly bear, woodland caribou and bull trout is evident with the recently created Endangered Species Program and staffing.

Sincerely,

Stephen Smith
Lands Resource Program Manager
Idaho Department of Lands

c: Mark Sprengel

Raedene Farmer
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3780 Industrial Avenue South
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February 24, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Proposed Timber Sales Plan for FY 2006. There are many reasons we do not approve of the proposed timber sales in our state.

The consequence of logging and clear cutting almost 25,000 acres and building nearly 400 miles of roads in the areas to be harvested, is devastation. It is reckless to ignore the reality of giving logging companies the approval to do this work.

Virtually all sixty nine areas have class I and class II streams or lakes or rivers nearby that will suffer the effects of sedimentation from creation and use of logging roads, tractor skidding, and erosion caused in the future by all terrain vehicles. ATV use in these areas will spread noxious weeds that the state spends millions of dollars trying to eradicate. Wildlife habitat will be destroyed or compromised because of fragmentation. Endangered species such as bull trout, steelhead, caribou and grizzly will be negatively impacted by the proposed logging and clear cutting.


Radically logging forests removes shade and as a direct and immediate consequence, twelve inches underground the soil temperature increases by 20 degrees in the heat of the summer. Miles of logging roads act as hot furnaces and wind tunnels through forests, worsening the impact of forest fires. Furthermore, the moisture and nutrients in the soil are lost to logging making reclamation marginal.

The true economic impact of logging what little remains of public lands, is grossly underestimated. Large corporations and bureaucracies emerge as big winners. We lose the beneficial effects of living breathing trees and plant life that create the clean air, water and soil which communities and public health need to survive.

It is time to stop giving away public lands for logging. It is time for a conservation ethic to take over America. Our best wood is exported to Japan and Europe. One half is exported as chips, pulp, or raw logs - along with American jobs. One half the volume in the nation's landfills is reusable but wasted wood fiber. One million housing units per year are torn down and disposed of in landfills.

Logging is an exercise in political plunder, not in democracy or prudent forest management. Hundreds of millions of dollars in public resources are sold at a fraction of true value to timber corporations as a reward for the millions they have given to Republican party campaigns.

Less than 5% of the once vast forests of this nation remain. In our opinion it is time to save what is left for our children and grandchildren. It is vital that we create a meaningful conservation plan to save precious and rare ecosystems from further waste.


Margo & Dennis Proksa
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pocatello, ID 8320

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March 29, 2005

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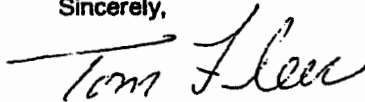
Dear Margo and Dennis Proksa:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2005 with your comments on the proposed Idaho Department of Lands' Timber Sales Plan for Fiscal Year 2006. Your comments will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Sales Plan presentation to the State Board of Land Commissioners in April.

Your comments on the plan include concern for the true economic impact of logging on public lands. The Mission of the Department of Lands is to manage the Endowment Trust Lands to maximize long-term financial returns to the beneficiary institutions and provide protection to Idaho's natural resources. One of those beneficiary institutions is the Public Schools of Idaho. In 2004, the timber sale revenue was more than 56 million dollars with less than 10 million dollars in expenses. A complete Annual Report for 2004 and other years, is available on our website at www2.state.id.us/lands. All of our timber sales are sold at a public oral auction to the highest qualified bidder to ensure the fair market value is received for the timber.

Your comments also included concern for wildlife habitat and water quality. The Department of Lands works with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and other agencies to minimize impacts of timber sales on wildlife and fisheries habitat. The Department of Lands also has an Endangered Species Program Manager who works with other State and Federal agencies on issues that pertain to the Federal Endangered Species Act. The State of Idaho has a very strong Forest Practices Act that helps to ensure that roads, timber harvesting, and other forest management activities minimize impacts to water quality. The Forest Practices Act also ensures that the harvested areas are regenerated following harvest.

Sincerely,



Tom Fleer
Forest Management Program Manager